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High: 42, Low: 26



**TOMORROW**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 36, Low: 25



Illustration by Tara McGinnis

# FILM fades out

## Photography sees switch as new technology takes the stage

By Janeen Morgan  
Reporter

Living in this digitized 21st century, film cameras aren't as popular as they used to be.

Ipods, mp3 players, and even cameras have become more valuable, in terms of technological advances. Technology has advanced so much that we don't really use film cameras anymore. Of course, the production of movies and even photographers in studios you would think use film, right? Wrong. According to movie producers and even photographers

at studios, film cameras are almost played out.

"We don't have any specific statistics on sales of digital cameras," Brice Miller, lab technician for Studio 157 photography in downtown Bowling Green said. "But we don't use them, there's like ten to one, digital verses film cameras here."

But in the next five years, Miller thinks film cameras will only be more useful for students who are learning the craft of photography, as well as older generations who don't know much about digital technology.

The digital arts department of the

University agrees with Miller that digital technology is preferred over film.

"With digital cameras, you have a better final product, they last longer and they're faster," Danielle Capone, digital arts major and sophomore said. "Students don't really use film cameras too much, there's a 10 to 1 average of digital versus film."

Although the opinions here are more on the side of digital cameras as they are more effective than film cameras, there is a difference of opinion.

"Worldwide today, I suspect that there is still more use of film cameras than digital ones," Andrew

Hershberger, assistant professor of contemporary art history said. "Even though I feel this way, the rate of change from film to digital is going at a rapid pace."

The "daguerreotype process", which is the process of making film as created by Daguer (the man who invented photography in 1839) will still be used by artists in the near future, according to Hershberger.

Hershberger agrees that digital cameras have more benefits than film cameras.

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## Art profs lead by example

By Heather Riedel  
Reporter

When it comes down to it, the students here at the University should be the most important aspect. At least that is the way Joel O'Dorisio thinks. He is the acting head of the glass department and is participating in the 57th Annual Faculty and Staff Exhibit for the first time.

"This is my first year teaching at the University," O'Dorisio said. "I think it's really important for the students to see that the faculty are active artists and are actually pursuing the research that we're teaching them how to do."

He thinks when students see teachers display their own art, it is a crucial part of teaching. This is because students can then know that their teachers and professors aren't just telling them how to make something, but that they're creating art as well.

For the past 18 years of his life, O'Dorisio has been a studio artist and "teaching is fairly new." As for the connection between

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## University helps students find work

By Brent Daggett  
Reporter

One of the challenges of being a college student is trying to find a job to help pay for school, and the long and tedious process of searching for employment can be somewhat stressful. But with the Federal Work-Study program the University offers, finding employment does not have to be so strenuous.

According to Michelle Simmons, senior associate

director of the University Career Center, in order for students to be considered for FWS they must fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

After this process is complete, the Student Financial Aid office considers whether a student will be eligible for FWS.

Once a student has been accepted, they can begin their search for employment opportunities by going to the Career Center Web site and clicking on the link Worknet.

The University Worknet allows students who are taking part in Federal Work-Study to set up an on-line account. This allows students to view on and off campus employment opportunities, online interview schedules, career listings and co-operative education and internship listings.

However, eligibility for FWS is not just based on students' incomes. Students can also receive grants, scholarships

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## Strickland to face execution debate early in term

By Matt Leingang  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Gov.-elect Ted Strickland will face the issue of capital punishment early in his term after the Ohio Supreme Court set execution dates in January and February for two inmates.

Strickland, a Democratic congressman and former prison psychologist who takes office Jan. 8, supports capital punishment but has questioned the fairness of the law because of cases around the country in



**Kenneth Biros**

Was convicted in the 1991 slaying of a woman.



**James Filiaggi**

Is scheduled to die for the death of his ex-wife.

which new scientific evidence exonerates inmates after long stays on death row.

Neither Strickland nor Attorney General-elect Marc Dann has called for a moratorium on executions. But Dann has indicated a willingness to study how the law is carried out

in Ohio.

"I think we can do better," said Dann, a Democratic state senator from Youngstown. "We need to make sure it's being applied fairly across all racial and socioeconomic groups."

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## Train derails in Northwestern Ohio

By John Seewer  
The Associated Press

NORTH BALTIMORE, Ohio — Two freight trains derailed yesterday in the middle of a small northwest Ohio town, injuring three people in automobiles hit by wreckage while waiting at the crossing, authorities said.

Two people were hospitalized, and the third was not seriously injured.

At least 15 cars of a train carrying steel and other items derailed when rail cars started to go onto a side track used to get to a nearby grain elevator, North Baltimore police chief Gerald Perry said.

"Somehow it started going down the siding instead of going down the main line," he said.

The wreckage hit a coal train traveling 5 to 10 mph in the opposite direction on a different track, knocking some of its cars off the rails, Perry said. The tracks are lined by houses, and high school is nearby.

Matt Swartz of North Baltimore was in the second car waiting at the tracks, which had the crossbars down and warning lights flashing.

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## BLOTTER

### WEDNESDAY

1:26 p.m.

Timothy C. Martindale, 22, of Bowling Green and Brandon P. Stahl, 29, of Centerville, Ohio, arrested for soliciting at a South Wintergarden Road home. They admitted to selling meat door to door without a permit.

2:42 p.m.

Lisa Anne Maidment, 37, of Bowling Green, arrested for disorderly conduct while intoxicated and inability to care for herself on Mourning Dove Lane. An officer was called to the home earlier when she was found on the property. When police were called to the scene again, they found Maidment laying under a tree. She was taken to jail on \$1,500 bond.

7:09 p.m.

Guest's room reported trashed and belongings thrown in the parking lot of an East Wooster Street hotel.

10:52 p.m.

North Enterprise Street resident reported finding a door ajar when he got home. Police who responded to the call believed it was only criminal mischief.

11:13 p.m.

Subject reported "kids" were running around shooting air guns at windows on North Grove Street. Officers were unable to locate them.

11:51 p.m.

Male reported masturbating in front of a Scott Hamilton Avenue apartment complex. The caller reported he had left and walked toward Second Street. Police searched for him on Second Street. The caller contacted police again when he was seen between the buildings. When officers arrived again, they were unable to find him.

### THURSDAY

1:35 a.m.

Two males and two females reported shooting off air guns on North Grove Street. Police checked the area and were unable to find them.

1:56 a.m.

Dustin B. Hill, 22, and Lance F. Kindell, 21, both of Greenville, Ohio, arrested for disorderly conduct after they were seen urinating on East Wooster Street.

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Strickland will be confronted with the issue for the first time with the case of Kenneth Biros, who was convicted in the 1991 slaying of a 22-year-old woman near Warren. The Supreme Court set his execution date for Jan. 23.

Weeks later on Feb. 13, James Filiaggi is scheduled to die for shooting to death his ex-wife in Lorain in 1994.

Strickland is still working on his transition and hasn't developed a legal team to review death penalty cases, spokesman Keith Dailey said. In general, Strickland believes every case deserves a thorough examination before an execution is carried out, Dailey said.

"As governor, he will make sure every scientific tool and method is used by the state to determine guilt or innocence," Dailey said.

Since 1973, more than 120 people in the U.S. have been released from death row with evidence of their innocence, according to the non-profit Death Penalty Information Center in Washington. Illinois and New Jersey currently have moratoriums. In August, North Carolina authorized an independent commission to review the innocence claims of convicted felons and forward cases to a judicial panel.

Republican Gov. Bob Taft has granted clemency just once. In 2003, he set aside the death sentence of Jerome Campbell, a Cincinnati man convicted of fatally stabbing a man who had befriended him, over concerns about evidence presented to the jury.

## EXAMPLE

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faculty artists and student artists, he said, "it's a two-way street. We get the energy and excitement of the students and they get to see professional quality work."

At the exhibit, O'Dorisio will be displaying "Olive Birch," a sculptural glass piece weighing in at around 65-70 pounds. He also has work on display in the glass department. He said that he is excited for the exhibit to be open to the public.

Another person who is looking forward to this event is Jacqueline Nathan, BG's gallery director.

"It's going to be wonderful," she said. "There's going to be all kinds of different media, from

video to jewelry to amazing paintings, sculptures and glass."

Nathan said there will be some installations on display for the exhibit, "so people are building things onsite, here." She also said how exciting it is to have new people and new pieces of art being shown this year.

"It's going to be a really diverse and exciting, wonderful show," she said. "Some of the younger people who are just starting out in their teaching careers are doing really interesting work and unusual work."

"It gives people a great chance to see sort of the up and coming thing in the art biz."

Both Nathan and O'Dorisio said they expect a good turnout, between both students and the community, at the exhibit.

"People are really interested in this and so it's a great opportu-

nity to see really excellent work," Nathan added.

O'Dorisio said that as long as he is at the University, he will participate in this annual event.

"It's one of the fun parts of the job; we spend all this time making the work and this is the time that people really get to see it."

He added: "It's not really art until other people get to see it. So, it's not all the way there until the community gets to look at it or until you get some feedback from your peers. It's part of the whole deal."

The exhibit runs from Dec. 2, 2006 until Jan. 17, 2007, in the Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery. The exhibit will close Dec. 17, 2006 through Jan. 8, 2007 for winter break. For more information, contact Jacqueline Nathan at 419-372-8525 or visit the BGSU Web site.

## WORK

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and loans as a way to help pay for college.

"Because the University receives FWS, we're able to create more employment opportunities for students that we would not have without it," Simmons stated.

Currently, there are over 200 offices and departments on campus employing approximately 700 to 850 students who receive annual funding from FWS with the largest employer of funds being the library.

It is also possible for some students to have the ability to work off campus.

"Students earn FWS primarily on campus. We also have a limited number of students who work as tutors in the surrounding community by helping elementary school students improve their reading skills," Simmons said.

Students are also expressing their sentiments on the benefits of partaking in Federal Work-Study.

"It's nice to have a job on campus that fits in with your schedule," sophomore Emily West said.

## "Work study teaches you how to multitask by balancing your school work and your job, which helps you prepare for the real world."

Divia Nelson | Senior

West is not the only student who appreciates the advantages the Federal Work-Study program has to offer.

"Being able to work on campus is more convenient than trying to search for a job off campus," senior Divia Nelson said. "Also, employers are more understanding and willing to work around your schedule when you need to do homework or study for exams."

Kristine Quinn, junior, also believes the program has merit.

"I was able to find a job easily and was able to work in the summer without having to take classes," Quinn said. "I'm also guaranteed a job until I graduate or mess up."

However, not everything is set in stone.

Simmons said students are not "fired" from work study since FWS provides a source of funding for university employment.

She further elaborated, if stu-

dents show up late, miss multiple scheduled shifts, habitually violate the department policy and the student code, they could be fired or face other University and legal action.

Besides being conducive to students' schedules, the lessons learned in Federal Work-Study extend beyond graduation.

"Work study teaches you how to multitask by balancing your school work and your job, which helps you prepare for the real world," Nelson said.

With all the guarantees the Federal Work-Study program provides with employment, preferential treatment does not play a role in the hiring process.

"I wouldn't call it 'preferential.' Typically, a department will want to exhaust their FWS funds or their main funding is from FWS, so they may have to consider students who have eligibility for FWS first," said Linda Szykowny, a personnel officer in the Career Center.

## What means what for student employment

The information below explains the differences between Federal Work-Study employment and regular employment. The information is from the Career Center Web site.

### FEDERAL WORK-STUDY

- Must demonstrate financial need by filing the FAFSA
- Federal government pays 75 percent of wages; employing department pays 25 percent. (America Reads tutors are funded 100 percent by the federal government.)
- FWS earnings are not considered income when determining eligibility for financial aid the following year. Wages are considered when calculating need-based financial aid for the following year. Increasing or decreasing FWS eligibility may affect current year award package.
- Only FWS-eligible students can work in FWS jobs
- FWS students have an earnings limit listed on the award letter.

### REGULAR EMPLOYMENT

- Filing the FAFSA is not required
- Employing department pays 100 percent of wages.
- Regular employment earnings do not affect current year aid package.
- Any student can apply for regular employment jobs
- Regular student employees do not have an earnings limitation. However, the number of hours worked may be limited by the department's funding.
- Must meet minimum time enrollment requirements when working fall or spring semesters. During summer sessions, enrollment not required if 1) student was enrolled at least half time previous spring semester, and 2) there is evidence of planned (at least half time) enrollment for the fall semester immediately following.

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## TRAIN

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Swartz said he was shaken up, but not seriously hurt.

"I just seen everything coming at me," he said. "I thought, 'Oh my God, this is it.'"

The next thing he knew the cars were tumbling all over and his vehicle was picked up and spun

around, he said as he sucked on a cigarette. "It must have thrown the car 30 or 40 feet."

Flat pieces of steel flew off the train and hit the car closest to the tracks, Perry said.

The car was flattened to the top of its doors, and rescuers had to pry off the top to free the driver, Bob Loe, the village street superintendent. He was in fair condition.

"I'm very surprised he survived," Perry said.

## SWITCH

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"I like the fact that I can immediately put my pictures on the computer and share images with friends," Hershberger said.

Since everyone is talking about the benefits and advantages of digital cameras, let's talk about the most popular cameras to buy.

Any type of digital camera now is acceptable for people to buy for the holidays. Kodak, Sony and Samsung are just a few of the brand-name cameras you can find at Walmart and Radio Shack.

Kodak and its products have always been good because,

according to www.blogs.zdnet.com, Kodak was the leading camera sold in 2005 coming in first place with 21.3 percent, compared to Canon and Sony cameras, tied in second place of sales at 17.7 percent.

Already in the year 2006, it doesn't seem like the use of film cameras will be needed.

"When I think of 'modern,' I think of everything digital and on the computer," Miranda Vollmer, sophomore said.

Owner of a digital camera, Vollmer thinks the technology industry will stop making film cameras.

"The use of film cameras will diminish a lot in the near future and digital cameras will take over," Hershberger said.

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## GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some of the calendar of events is taken from events.bgsu.edu.

## TODAY

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Bud Hurlstone**  
**Commemorative Exhibition**  
 Willard Wankelman Gallery-  
 Fine Arts Center

1:30 - 6:30 p.m.

## Annual Record Sale

Thousands and thousands of C's, LP's 45's, 78's, cassettes, 8-tracks, paperback book novels, comics, videos, science fiction and music books, fanzines, dime novels, magazines, vintage paperbacks, audio equipment, piano rolls, scores, sheet music and much, much, more. Sale also runs Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Checks, cash and bursar charges accepted. Sales taxes apply.

**First Floor Pallister**  
 Conference Room, Jerome Library

1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

## Resume Writing Workshop

360 Saddlewire

3 - 4:15 p.m.

## Interviewing Workshop

360 Saddlewire

3:30 p.m.

## Tea Time: Nathan Murry

Bring your own mug!

Ceramics Studio- Fine Arts Center

6 - 8 p.m.

## Transcendence Meeting

107 Hanna Hall-

The Women's Center

8 p.m.

## "A Christmas Carol"

This musical adaptation of the classic Dickens tale follows the powerful story of Ebenezer Scrooge, the lonely miser, who, with the help of ghosts from his past, present, and future, finds a second chance to become a loving, generous human being. Combining humor, sentiment, and spectacle with joyous carols and music, this production is a delightful holiday tradition for the entire family. A Christmas Carol is a co-production of the Department of Theater & Film and the Horizon Youth Theatre.

Eva Marie Saint Theatre

8 p.m.

## Secret of the Star

Secret of the Star is a show for Christmas time! Multi-media show in the Planetarium, \$1 donation suggested, lasts approximately 1 hour. Planetarium Show is followed by stargazing in the Observatory if weather permits.

112 Physical Sciences

Lab Building- BG Planetarium

11 p.m. - 2 a.m.

## Zeta Phi Beta Late Night Event

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## Art association exposes violence in art



JESSE WARD | THE BG NEWS

FILMS: "A Clockwork Orange" shows a cure for violence through aversion therapy

By Mike Robinson  
Reporter

On Wednesday night, students gathered in the Fine Arts Building to watch a film that has remained controversial since its release in 1973.

The film, Stanley Kubrick's "A Clockwork Orange," was presented by the Art History Association as part of their Violence in Art Film Series.

The Art History Association started the film series at the beginning of this semester and every Wednesday night, presents a film as part of the series.

Professor Allie Terry advises the Art History Association and teaches a "Violence in Art" course at the University.

"Each one of the films in the series addresses the notion of violence in some way," Terry said. "In 'A Clockwork Orange' they're trying to cure violence through aversion therapy."

Terry's research focuses on the way violence is represented in different forms of art.

"The history of art can be considered a history of violence," Terry said. "Film is unique in that it can suck you into a fantasy."

The students of the Art History Association choose the films that will be shown in the series. This semester, many films including "Elephant," "The Passion of the Christ," and "City of God" have been shown in the series.

Art major Michael Krause, and attendee of Wednesday night's screening, views the violence in "A Clockwork Orange" as eye opening.

"The way that violence is portrayed is very interesting," Krause said. "Violence hasn't changed, but our perception of violence has changed."

"A Clockwork Orange" is a likely choice for the Violence in Art film series, because of its controversial history. When it was released in 1973, the original X-Rated version had to be cut down to an R-Rated version for release in America.

## No more early entry

By Jodi S. Cohen  
MCT

Though some universities decided earlier this year to scrap their early-admissions programs, the two most selective universities in the Chicago area will continue admitting high school students during the first semester of their senior year.

Officials at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University will continue to allow seniors to apply in the fall and get a decision by mid-December because it doesn't disadvantage minority and low-income students, a criticism taken to heart by other universities.

Harvard, Princeton and the University of Virginia will eliminate early admissions next year.

"We were aware that everybody was wondering if Northwestern would join along and we essentially said no, not at this time," said Michael Mills, associate provost for university enrollment at the school. "We are not disadvantaging students as it appears those three schools in the East are."

When Harvard announced the change, administrators said the early-enrollment policy was unfair to low-income applicants who need to compare financial aid packages.

## '90s theme party sparks childhood memories

By Addie Curlis  
Reporter

College students have shown an interest in reminiscing about the 90s, which is evident through the popularity of the show "I Love the 90s" on VH1.

This prompted the internship staff of seven students at the Union to put on a similar event to give students what they wanted.

Lindsay Baker, programming intern at the student union said each intern plans their own small events throughout the semester and then at the end, the group gets together to brainstorm on a group project.

"We tried to find something that would appeal to students," she said.

Each semester, the interns, supervised by Kim Jacobs, have a team project, and a theme

party was their idea for the end of this semester.

According to Jacobs, they expected 50 to 60 people to show up and that turned out to be close to the actual outcome.

Wednesday night from 8 to 11 p.m., the Black Swamp Pub was dedicated to singing 90s songs, eating snacks that were popular when students were young, playing trivia and enjoying drinks with popular 90s names. Students 21 and over were given the option of drinking "Jelly Bellies" or "Super Marios" among others.

Trivia started at 8:30, followed by the crowning of the best costume and ending with Name that Tune of 90s inspired music selections.

Some students were dressed in their 90s best,

consisting of leggings, tie dye shirts, D.A.R.E. shirts and slap bracelets.

The food table included chicken nuggets, tator tots, juice boxes and cigarette gum.

Sophomore Hannah Bushman thought the food choice was cute and reminded her of elementary school.

"I miss the quality music of the 90s because now rap and R&B are taking over," she said.

Jacie Fien, sophomore agrees that a lot has changed in the last decade.

"The technological developments have increased and the kinds of movies being made have changed a lot," Fien said.

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## Alternative energy, it's not just for Al Gore anymore



So, I don't know if anyone has noticed yet, but Bowling Green is kind of a windy town. Especially during the winter, the wind can be a little ridiculous.

There's nothing worse than waking up at eight on a cold December morning while it's still dark outside and trekking across campus while the wind blows across your face at a mere twenty miles an hour.

So why don't we put this annoying wind to work for us? In Bowling Green we have a wealth of resources available, yet not many people are aware of them.

The wind that blows our skirts up and messes with our hair every day as we walk across campus can be used to heat our homes.

That's right, in Bowling Green we are fortunate enough to have Ohio's first wind farm, which generates wind power.

According to the city's Web site, their mission is to "provide a clean uninterrupted power supply at an affordable price to our customers and

assist them with their electrical needs."

According to the city, there are four turbines that are each 257 feet tall.

These turbines, that are as tall as a 30-story building, generate up to 7.2 megawatts of power — enough to supply electricity for some 3,000 residents.

I highly recommend taking a trip to see these gentle giants in person.

Not only will you learn a thing or two about our unique power source, but they are also an awesome site to behold. Since the wind farm is located just outside of the city, it is a great place to see the stars at night.

Anyone living in the city can request to have their house or apartment run on wind power.

This "green power" costs slightly more than regular at 1.3 cents per kilowatt hour, it is really a small price to pay for clean fuel and a clean conscience.

Since the city announced this option in 2005, "it has experienced a nearly 30 percent increase in green pricing enrollment, bringing total participation to 464 customers or about 3.4 percent of its customer base," according to the Green Power Network.

Let's look at some of the other benefits of wind power

when compared to traditional fossil fuels.

According to MontanaGreenPower.com, wind power has the potential to help the United States reduce their dependence on fossil fuels.

It is a clean fuel source, and it can help to cushion against the price increases of electric.

So even if a town does not seem windy enough to power their town via a wind farm, they can still incorporate wind power with other energy sources to reduce both the cost of fuel and the pollution.

Switching to wind power to run our homes will not save the planet.

It will take a long time to free ourselves from the ties of fossil fuels, especially in the United States where families often have as many cars as they do people.

However, wind power is one small step we can take in the right direction.

As Al Gore taught us over the summer, our dependence on fossil fuels is a huge problem that will take a huge solution.

But we have got to start somewhere, and it will be easier if we start taking these baby steps now.

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# Killer whale may get second chance



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**ATTACK FROM A KILLER WHALE:** This file photo released by SeaWorld San Diego on Dec. 30, 2004, shows killer whale Kasatka, left, and her calf, who was born Dec. 21, 2004, at SeaWorld in San Diego. Whale trainer Ken Peters remains hospitalized after Kasatka grabbed him and twice held him underwater during a show Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at SeaWorld Adventure Park in San Diego.

By Allison Hoffman  
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A killer whale that dragged a trainer underwater during a show at SeaWorld Adventure Park, breaking his foot, may be allowed to perform again, park officials said yesterday.

"Animals who have been involved in incidents like this in the past have been allowed to continue performing," SeaWorld San Diego spokesman Dave Koontz said.

Park trainers were examining the whale, a female orca named Kasatka, and trying to determine what made her grab her trainer, Ken Peters, Koontz said.

Peters, 39, remained hospitalized with a broken foot after the whale grabbed him and twice held him underwater during a show. He had a fractured metatarsal in his left foot but was in good spirits, Koontz said.

Peters was hurt around 5 p.m. Wednesday during the final show of the day at Shamu Stadium, a 36-foot-deep tank.

The show's finale called for Kasatka to shoot out of the water so Peters could dive off her nose. The whale is about 17 feet long and weighs well over 5,000 pounds.

As several hundred spectators watched, the whale and trainer plunged underwater, where Kasatka grabbed Peters by the foot and held him for less than a minute before surfacing, Koontz said.

"The trainer was being pinned by the whale at the bottom of the pool," Karen Ingrande told KGTV-TV.

When they came up, Peters tried to calm the animal by rubbing and stroking its back but it grabbed him and plunged down again for about another minute.

The crowd "began to realize there was not something right and the whale was down again under the water. Again they were splashing the water to try to get the whale to come to the

surface," Ingrande said.

The whale finally released him and Peters was able to surface and swim away. Other trainers stretched a net between him and Kasatka, Koontz said.

He emerged from the tank with one leg of his wet suit torn.

"He tried to stand up on the stage and that's when we realized there was something wrong with his leg and his foot. He was just white as a ghost," spectator Sherri Justice told KFMB-TV in San Diego.

Mike Scarpuzzi, who oversees zoological operations, said Peters has been working with animals for 16 years, including 12 spent at Shamu Stadium.

"His skills and techniques, and close relationship with the whale played a major role in helping the animal calm down and allowed him to eventually swim out of the pool," Scarpuzzi said.

The park planned to continue the Shamu Stadium shows yesterday using other whales. The park has a total of seven killer whales, including two of Kasatka's offspring, Koontz said.

He did not know whether Kasatka would be allowed to perform.

Koontz said trainers from the San Diego park and sister parks in San Antonio and Orlando, Fla., planned to confer yesterday and review the incident in an effort to figure out what made the orca grab Peters.

Koontz said the 30-year-old orca had been performing most of her life and was familiar with the routine.

"She's been one of our strongest, most consistent performers," he said.

Koontz said a different whale dived with a trainer's foot in its mouth two or three weeks ago but obeyed commands to release the trainer and return to the side of the tank. The trainer was not injured.

SeaWorld officials reported in 1999 that Kasatka tried to bite a trainer during a show, but he was unhurt.

# Washington indecisive on global warming

By Stephen Henderson  
MCT

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday wrestled with the thorny issues surrounding global warming and the government's efforts to abate it. But hour-long arguments at the high court — at times heavy with discussion of the science of climate change — left little indication of how the court will ultimately rule.

At issue in Massachusetts v. EPA are two simple questions: Whether the Clean Air Act authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate air pollutants that contribute to climate change; and if so, whether the EPA properly used its discretion when it chose not to regulate auto emissions.

Also at stake in the case is whether states, many of which claim climate change will harm their land and citizens, have the right to sue to force EPA action on pollutants from cars and other sources.

The case is the high court's first foray into the argument over global warming, and its ruling

could have far-reaching effects. If the justices determine that EPA is not responsible for regulating greenhouse gases, it would likely require congressional intervention to initiate government action. If the justices decide that states don't have standing to sue, that would undercut other pending suits seeking to regulate factory emissions and generally make it more difficult for environmental claims to go forward.

Environmental groups — pushing for EPA regulation — and business interests — trying to keep government regulation to a minimum — have both described it as the most significant environmental case in a generation.

In political terms, the justices appeared to cleave along familiar lines. More conservative justices like Antonin Scalia, Samuel Alito and Chief Justice John Roberts appeared skeptical of the EPA's authority and states' rights to sue. Justice Clarence Thomas, who rarely speaks during oral arguments, is expected to join other conservatives in this case.

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Remember those who forever are on guard for our freedom, in Normandy, at Fort McHenry, or in Baghdad, those that died for the Flag and for her country.

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## Alternative energy, it's not just for Al Gore anymore



**ERIN WETHERN**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

So, I don't know if anyone has noticed yet, but Bowling Green is kind of a windy town. Especially during the winter, the wind can be a little ridiculous.

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I highly recommend taking a trip to see these gentle giants in person.

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This "green power" costs slightly more than regular at 1.3 cents per kilowatt hour, it is really a small price to pay for clean fuel and a clean conscience.

Since the city announced this option in 2005, "it has experienced a nearly 30 percent increase in green pricing enrollment, bringing total participation to 464 customers or about 3.4 percent of its customer base," according to the Green Power Network.

Let's look at some of the other benefits of wind power

when compared to traditional fossil fuels.

According to MontanaGreenPower.com, wind power has the potential to help the United States reduce their dependence on fossil fuels.

It is a clean fuel source, and it can help to cushion against the price increases of electric.

So even if a town does not seem windy enough to power their town via a wind farm, they can still incorporate wind power with other energy sources to reduce both the cost of fuel and the pollution.

Switching to wind power to run our homes will not save the planet.

It will take a long time to free ourselves from the ties of fossil fuels, especially in the United States where families often have as many cars as they do people.

However, wind power is one small step we can take in the right direction.

As Al Gore taught us over the summer, our dependence on fossil fuels is a huge problem that will take a huge solution.

But we have got to start somewhere, and it will be easier if we start taking these baby steps now.

Send comments to Erin Wethern at ewether@bgsu.edu.

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# Killer whale may get second chance



NMIKE AUGILERA (AP PHOTO)

**ATTACK FROM A KILLER WHALE:** This file photo released by SeaWorld San Diego on Dec. 30, 2004, shows killer whale Kasatka, left, and her calf, who was born Dec. 21, 2004, at SeaWorld in San Diego. Whale trainer Ken Peters remains hospitalized after Kasatka grabbed him and twice held him underwater during a show Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at SeaWorld Adventure Park in San Diego.

By Allison Hoffman  
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A killer whale that dragged a trainer underwater during a show at SeaWorld Adventure Park, breaking his foot, may be allowed to perform again, park officials said yesterday.

"Animals who have been involved in incidents like this in the past have been allowed to continue performing," SeaWorld San Diego spokesman Dave Koontz said.

Park trainers were examining the whale, a female orca named Kasatka, and trying to determine what made her grab her trainer, Ken Peters, Koontz said.

Peters, 39, remained hospitalized with a broken foot after the whale grabbed him and twice held him underwater during a show. He had a fractured metatarsal in his left foot but was in good spirits, Koontz said.

Peters was hurt around 5 p.m. Wednesday during the final show of the day at Shamu Stadium, a 36-foot-deep tank.

The show's finale called for Kasatka to shoot out of the water so Peters could dive off her nose. The whale is about 17 feet long and weighs well over 5,000 pounds.

As several hundred spectators watched, the whale and trainer plunged underwater, where Kasatka grabbed Peters by the foot and held him for less than a minute before surfacing, Koontz said.

"The trainer was being pinned by the whale at the bottom of the pool," Karen Ingrande told KGTV-TV.

When they came up, Peters tried to calm the animal by rubbing and stroking its back but it grabbed him and plunged down again for about another minute.

The crowd "began to realize there was not something right and the whale was down again under the water. Again they were splashing the water to try to get the whale to come to the

surface," Ingrande said.

The whale finally released him and Peters was able to surface and swim away. Other trainers stretched a net between him and Kasatka, Koontz said.

He emerged from the tank with one leg of his wet suit torn.

"He tried to stand up on the stage and that's when we realized there was something wrong with his leg and his foot. He was just white as a ghost," spectator Sherri Justice told KFMB-TV in San Diego.

Mike Scarpuzzi, who oversees zoological operations, said Peters has been working with animals for 16 years, including 12 spent at Shamu Stadium.

"His skills and techniques, and close relationship with the whale played a major role in helping the animal calm down and allowed him to eventually swim out of the pool," Scarpuzzi said.

The park planned to continue the Shamu Stadium shows yesterday using other whales. The park has a total of seven killer whales, including two of Kasatka's offspring, Koontz said.

He did not know whether Kasatka would be allowed to perform.

Koontz said trainers from the San Diego park and sister parks in San Antonio and Orlando, Fla., planned to confer yesterday and review the incident in an effort to figure out what made the orca grab Peters.

Koontz said the 30-year-old orca had been performing most of her life and was familiar with the routine.

"She's been one of our strongest, most consistent performers," he said.

Koontz said a different whale dived with a trainer's foot in its mouth two or three weeks ago but obeyed commands to release the trainer and return to the side of the tank. The trainer was not injured.

SeaWorld officials reported in 1999 that Kasatka tried to bite a trainer during a show, but he was unhurt.

# Washington indecisive on global warming

By Stephen Henderson  
MCT

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday wrestled with the thorny issues surrounding global warming and the government's efforts to abate it. But hour-long arguments at the high court — at times heavy with discussion of the science of climate change — left little indication of how the court will ultimately rule.

At issue in Massachusetts v. EPA are two simple questions: Whether the Clean Air Act authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate air pollutants that contribute to climate change; and if so, whether the EPA properly used its discretion when it chose not to regulate auto emissions.

Also at stake in the case is whether states, many of which claim climate change will harm their land and citizens, have the right to sue to force EPA action on pollutants from cars and other sources.

The case is the high court's first foray into the argument over global warming, and its ruling

could have far-reaching effects. If the justices determine that EPA is not responsible for regulating greenhouse gases, it would likely require congressional intervention to initiate government action. If the justices decide that states don't have standing to sue, that would undercut other pending suits seeking to regulate factory emissions and generally make it more difficult for environmental claims to go forward.

Environmental groups — pushing for EPA regulation — and business interests — trying to keep government regulation to a minimum — have both described it as the most significant environmental case in a generation.

In political terms, the justices appeared to cleave along familiar lines. More conservative justices like Antonin Scalia, Samuel Alito and Chief Justice John Roberts appeared skeptical of the EPA's authority and states' rights to sue. Justice Clarence Thomas, who rarely speaks during oral arguments, is expected to join other conservatives in this case.

Meanwhile, Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter, Ruth

## Why Earth is heating up

How burning fossil fuels and other human activity are contributing to a warmer planet



Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer were more accepting of both ideas.

That would leave Justice Anthony Kennedy as the criti-

cal fifth vote to decide both issues, a role he increasingly plays with the departure of the court's other swing voter, Sandra Day O'Connor.

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# Pope Benedict travels to Turkey to seek forgiveness

By Brian Murphy  
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Pope Benedict XVI prayed alongside an Islamic cleric in one of Turkey's most famous mosques yesterday in a dramatic gesture of outreach to Muslims after outrage from the pontiff's remarks linking violence and the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad.

The pope bowed his head and closed his eyes for nearly a minute inside the 17th century Blue Mosque after Mustafa Cagrici, the head cleric of Istanbul, said: "Now I'm going to pray."

As the pope left the mosque, Benedict turned to Cagrici and thanked him "for this moment of prayer," the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

"This visit will help us find together the way of peace for the good of all humanity," the pope said during only the second papal visit to a Muslim

place of worship. Benedict's predecessor, John Paul II, visited a mosque in Syria in 2001.

The mosque visit was added to Benedict's schedule as a "sign of respect" during his first papal trip to a Muslim nation, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, said last week.

The pope removed his shoes before entering the carpeted expanse of the mosque, which is officially known as the Sultan Ahmet Mosque after the Ottoman sultan Ahmet I, who ordered its construction. But it's widely called the Blue Mosque after its elaborate blue tiles.

The pope received a gift of a glazed tile decorated with a dove and a painting showing a view of the Sea of Marmara off Istanbul. The pope gave the imam a mosaic showing four doves.

"Let us pray for brotherhood and for all humanity," the pope said in Italian.

## Checkpoint bombed

By Salad Duhul  
The Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Three suicide car bombs exploded outside Somalia's government base of Baidoa, killing six people, including the drivers, and wounding four civilians, officials said yesterday. One of the bombers was a veiled woman.

The bombings took place at a government checkpoint, exploding as police tried to check them, Deputy Defense Minister Salad Ali Jelle told The Associated Press.

"The three drivers were killed on the spot and three others who were with them," the minister said by telephone. "We have captured three who were with them who have tried to flee. The dead include non-Somalis, they are al-Qaida supporters."

A police officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media, said one of the bombers in the car was a woman

wearing a veil. He said four civilians were taken to a hospital in Baidoa.

Another policeman at the scene, Mohammed Ahmed Mohamud, the three captured men appeared to be African but were not Somali. There have been numerous reports of foreign Islamic radicals coming to Somalia to join a holy war.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

On Sept. 18, President Abdullahi Yusuf escaped unharmed when a suicide bombing struck his convoy in Baidoa, although 11 people were killed in the blast and a subsequent gunbattle, including Yusuf's younger brother. The attack was believed to be the first suicide bombing in the country.

The transitional government blamed that bombing on extremists within the Islamic movement. The group denied it, and no one has claimed responsibility. The Islamic move-

## WORLD BRIEF

BG NEWS WIRE SOURCES

### Iraqi forces ready to take security control

(AP) — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said yesterday he believed Iraqi forces would be ready by June 2007 to take full control of security in Iraq, an issue on which he pressed President Bush during their meeting in Amman, Jordan. In making the argument that his military and police could handle security in the country, al-Maliki has routinely said the force could do the job within six months.

ment's spokesman Sheikh Abdurahim Ali Mudey said that he was consulting with other senior officials before the group would comment on the attack.

The top U.S. diplomat for Africa, Jendayi Frazer, warned Wednesday that al-Qaida militants are operating with "great comfort" in Somalia, providing training and assistance to a radical military element loyal to the Islamic group.

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## WEEKEND PLANS

### FRIDAY



#### The Student Loan

unveils their debut "newgrass" album at Howard's Club H tonight at 9 p.m. You won't have to take out a loan to attend this release party: entry is only costs \$3, with opening acts yet to be announced.

#### Wine Tasting

at Diva's in Toledo features drinks from around the globe. \$25 gets you all the tasting you can handle, and some appetizers (would you like some cheese with that wine?). Take notes for New Year's Eve. Starts at 7 p.m.

#### Library Record and Book Sale

is your best bet for dirt-cheap LPs, CDs, cassettes, 8-tracks, comics, books, magazines, sheet music and fanzines. The madness starts at 1:30 p.m. and goes until 6:30. Get there early!

### SATURDAY



#### Against the Fire

storms Howard's tonight with the Separation Tree, Dash the Assassin and Plague the City (featuring members of the Drama Summer). The show kicks off at 9 p.m. \$4 at the door.

#### Santa

comes to town today at the Town Center in Perrysburg for plenty of free photo-ops. As long as no one pulls a Will Ferrell from 'Elf,' the Big Man will be there from noon until 4 p.m.

### SUNDAY



#### "A Christmas Carol"

at the Eva Marie Saint Theatre puts a musical twist on the Dickens classic. For better or worse, no muppets will appear in this play. Curtains up at 2 p.m.

#### Gospel Choir Fall Festival

gives the gift of exuberant music to the University tonight in the Union from 7 p.m. 'til 9.

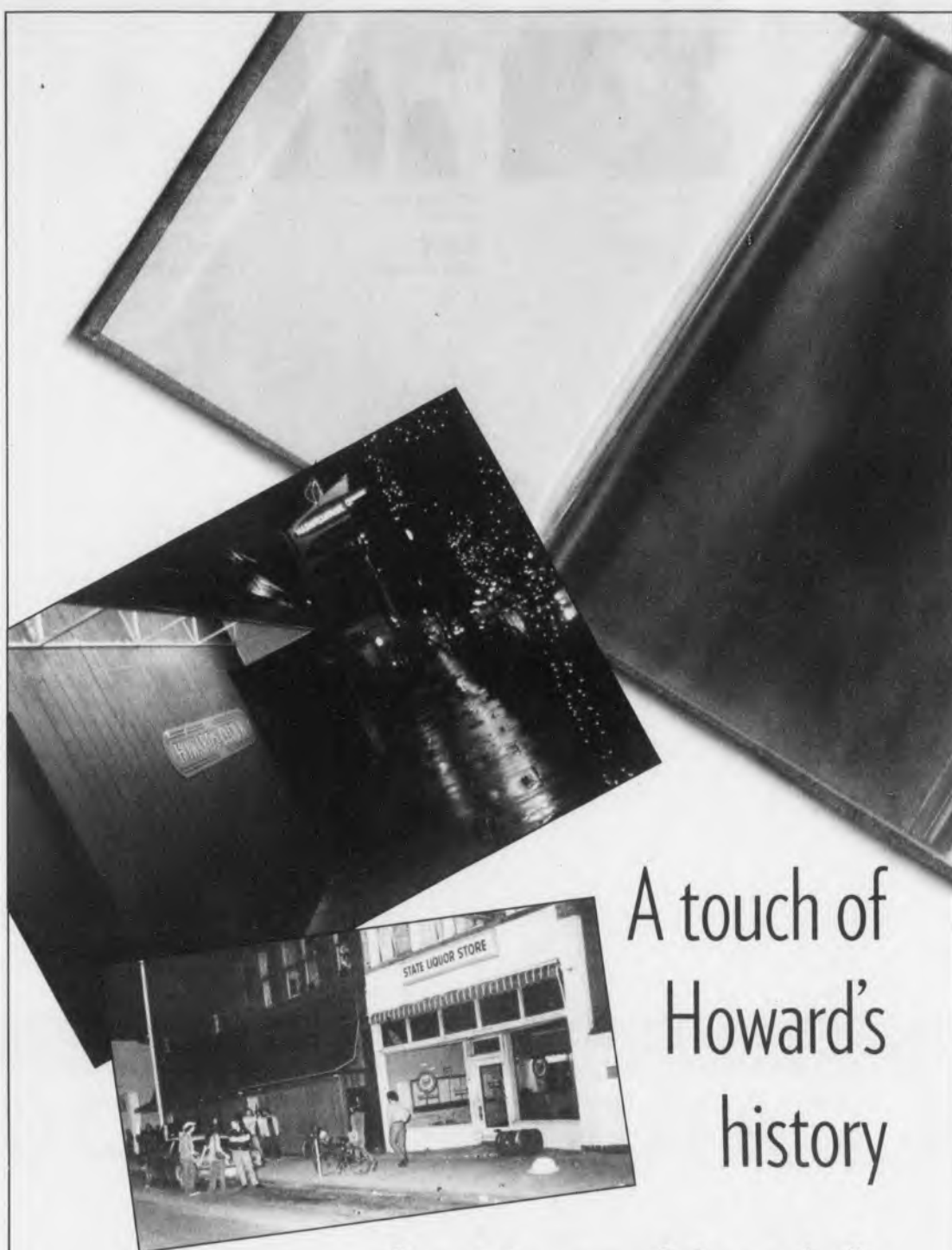
#### The David Carter Symphonic Choir

will present its annual holiday concert today at 4:30 p.m. at the Monroe Street United Methodist Church in Toledo.

### THEY SAID IT

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## A touch of Howard's history

### Over 50 years of cheap thrills

By **Johnny Payne**  
Assistant Pulse Editor

Sitting at a wooden table covered in decades-old carvings, Jim Gavarone motioned towards the dangling lanterns dimly illuminating Howard's Club H.

"Those are the same lights that've been hanging here since the place opened," he said fondly. "I'm trying to keep this place the same as it's always been."

But as the Ben Folds song on the jukebox faded and the first somber piano chords of a Coldplay tune wafted to his ears, Gavarone grew melancholy.

"But live music's a tough gig," he lamented. "It's a struggle to get people to pay money. It's tough to build a business based on what's on stage."

Despite Gavarone's misgivings, he's managed to attract an impres-

sive litany of musical performers. For a small bar in a tiny college town, what's been on stage reads as a list of renowned blues, punk, hip-hop and indie artists.

Karen O of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs spewed beer from the small stage nestled in the front of the room; current heart-throbs Fall Out Boy and Panic! at the Disco practiced their preening here years ago; rock saviors Jack and Meg White once mingled among the local bar rats; ex-linebacker Andrew W.K. got the party started here in 2003.

Today's lineups at Howard's contrast sharply with the bevy of blues musicians the bar frequently welcomed in between playing Cleveland and Chicago. But since Gavarone purchased Howard's in 1999, he's endeavored to attract names more recognizable to University students.

"Those blues guys just don't pay the

bill," he said. "It's a shame because they're fantastic."

Focusing on more popular acts is one of very few changes Gavarone's implemented since 1999. In an effort to maintain the allure of the thirty-BLAH-year-old building, he had the crumbling old tables refurbished, retained the ancient lanterns, and chose not to paint over the sprawling graffiti covering every wall in the building. Consequently, the bar's atmosphere has changed very little under Gavarone's ownership.

"I just didn't have the heart to dismantle Howard's," he confessed. "It has too rich a tradition."

It's a tradition that has accumulated since the bar moved to its current location at 210 North Main Street in 1973. But fifty years earlier, sipping a beer and watching a band in Howard's

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## Dirty mouths do good deeds Tuesday

By **Chelci Howard**  
Pulse Editor



**PJ Butland**  
will dish out his dirtiest schtick to help needy children

Sometimes members on the naughty list do something nice. In this particular instance, children are the ones who will benefit from this random act of kindness.

The fourth annual "When Bad Boys Do Good: I'm Dreaming of a Blue XXXmas," will occur at Grumpy Dave's Pub on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 9 p.m. Admission is \$1 if a new, unwrapped toy is donated at the door. The toy will then go to the Marine's "Toys For Tots," and will benefit underprivileged children.

The night will consist of nine scheduled performers who all specialize in quick-witted, scandalous punch lines—PJ Butland, Bill Bushart, Laura Lou, Jason Benci, John Tourtellott, Bill Arrundale, Bob Cook, Cory Baxter and Steve Sabo. Each of the comedians will have 15 minutes to unleash

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## Women come clean about snooping

By **Sarah Moore**  
Reporter

Sometimes when a relationship hits turbulence without any observable fix, the people involved may become tempted to take extreme measures. While we all, in some way or another, unconsciously keep tabs on our significant others, it is surprising to know the extremity that some members of a couple take when checking up.

It is highly doubtful that one would openly admit to snooping on their boyfriend/girlfriend, wife/husband, etc., but a poll conducted by the Lifetime television network found some interesting results.

This "Poll on Snooping" was sent to a random sample of adult women, ages 18-49 that live in the U.S. with 667 surveys completed in all. The survey discovered that 67 percent of women, although the sex was determined by the same poll to be the most trusting of genders, admitted to spying on their partners. Most of this behavior was sparked by suspicions of infidelity, with 43 percent of those women finding out information that they would have rather not known.

Relating to celebrities that have

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## Cleveland's house of leg lamp opens to the public

By **Nick Carrabine**  
Reporter

When most people enjoy a movie, they might talk about it with their friends, add it to their favorite movies category on Facebook or even go as far as buying the DVD when it hits the shelves.

But then there is Brian Jones—the San Diego native who grew up being a huge fan of the holiday favorite "A Christmas Story" has really gone above and beyond.

Jones, 30, left the Navy to start his own company selling leg lamps and has just recently purchased and renovated the original house seen in "A Christmas Story" just in time for the holiday season.

The house, which is located at 3150 West 11th St. just outside of downtown Cleveland, was auctioned off on eBay. Jones came out the frontrunner after he

offered \$150,000 on an \$80,000 home so he could buy it outright.

Since then he has put more than \$240,000 towards renovations to make an exact replica of the home seen in the holiday classic movie.

"The house went on sale and it made sense from a business perspective," Jones said. "I thought fans would come and see it. That was the biggest part of this."

Jones, who still resides in San Diego, had never even been to Ohio before purchasing the house which led to some doubters, including his own family.

"Some people were unhappy, including my wife, but she was the one who told me the house was for sale," he said. "She emailed me and told me about it and I went straight to E-bay without finishing her email and called the guy the next day."

"I wrote her back and told

her the house was mine," Jones said. "She said she didn't know whether to laugh or cry, but now she's laughing."

While running the house from San Diego, Jones is getting a lot of help from Steven Siedlecki, director and curator of the house.

Siedlecki wanted to be a part of the project, but never thought he would be helping out full time, but after Jones' friend backed out, Siedlecki filled in.

"To be honest I just wanted to use this opportunity to have the title out for my name," Siedlecki said. "I have always been a fan of the movie. I have always been familiar with the house; I grew up right around the corner."

Siedlecki is glad that Jones is committed to the project and happy to see that the house will finally be renovated.

"After seeing the house get remodeled after it fell apart again and again, I never thought

someone would want to do this," he said. "I just think this is great, finally someone would put the money into the house and not let it fall apart again."

Nov. 25 was the grand opening of the house and over 2,900 fans came out to take a look and were guided through a tour of the house as well as the back yard.

Along with all the fans, many characters from the movie made an appearance; including Scott Schwartz (Flick), Ian Petrella (Randy), Tedde Moore (Miss Shields), Zack Ward (Scut Farkus), Yano Anaya (Grover Dill), Patty Johnson (Head Elf) and Dre Hocevar (Male Elf).

The Christmas Story house is open Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and then on Sunday noon until 5 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

For more information, visit [www.achristmasstory.com](http://www.achristmasstory.com)



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**FRAGILE! IT MUST BE ITALIAN.** The original set/home to the holiday classic, "A Christmas Story," will be on exhibit to the general public Wednesday through Sunday.



## NAUGHTY

From Page 7

the most raw, dirtiest and darkest material in the name of charity.

Steve Sabo, nationally renowned comedian and owner of Inside Joke Productions, said that PJ Butland, a comedian who appeared in the "Spider-Man" movie, is the originator of mixing dark humor and toys.

"I can't take credit for the event," Sabo said. "PJ Butland came to me with the idea four years ago; he did several shows that year for the same cause. However, I think that we are the only locations who have continued and made it an annual event."

And this is an annual event that shows staying power. In its three years of existence, the "When Bad Boys Do Good" charity event has generated hundreds of gifts and have drawn large crowds—ranging from 80 to 100 people who are encouraged to drink, get rowdy and have a good time while doing a good deed.

According to Cory Baxter, a comedian who is new to the scene but is already being recognized for his rebellious acts, this is just one of the many reasons that the comedians are looking forward to this show. Baxter, who will be performing in the "When Bad Boys Do Good" show for the first time, feels that this is a great opportunity to show the softer side of dark humor.

"I think it's a really good cause and I am glad I get the opportunity to perform in this event," Baxter said. People who are fans of our type of humor aren't stereotypically the charitable types, but this gives them a good opportunity to have fun and help kids in the process."

Besides the "Toys For Tots" event, Sabo hopes to raise

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Steve Sabo | Comedian

awareness for additional causes.

"I would like to raise awareness for underprivileged kids as well as awareness for the comedy shows which we have every Tuesday night in Bowling Green. There are amazing, nationally recognized performers who play here and more people should be coming out to support them," Sabo said. "Also, I am hoping the students can blow off some steam and leave the political correctness button at home. Because if you aren't offended by at least one thing that is brought up on Tuesday—then something is severely wrong with you."

Both Baxter and Sabo promise that the audience will be anything but disappointed during the show and encourage those interested to come early due to limited table space.

"You should go to this show because Christmas is a time for giving back to the community, having fun, being with friends, peace and goodwill toward men and jokes about your genitals," Sabo said.

For additional information about the event, call Grumpy Dave's Pub at 419-353-0988 or visit their Web site at [www.grumpydavespub.com](http://www.grumpydavespub.com)

# Pulse Picks

## Movie



■ Touchstone Pictures  
■ Grade | A

### "The Prestige"

WHAT JOE THINKS:

"The Prestige" is the latest film from "Batman Begins" director Christopher Nolan and it is one of the best films to come out this year, right up there with "The Departed" earlier this month.

Hugh Jackman ("X-Men") and Christian Bale ("Batman Begins") star as a pair of magicians performing in London and develop a rivalry to see who is the better magician, to the point where it drives them to murder.

Both Bale and Jackman are two of the most underrated stars working today and both give one of the best performances of their respective careers, which nowadays are usually related to their recent roles as comic book characters.

It is not only the two stars that are great in this film though, the supporting cast is pretty impressive as well, with the likes of Michael Caine, Scarlett Johansson and David Bowie (yes that David Bowie). The high point of "The Prestige" is its story, based on the book of the same name by Christopher Pierce.

It keeps the audience guessing right up until the end with a series of clever twist and turns along the way that make sure to keep things interesting and rarely dull.

Christopher Nolan has made one of the best films of his short but prestigious career (no pun intended).

"The Prestige" is one of the best and most entertaining films of the year and while it lacks the long-term appeal of a film like "The Departed", it's still a very good movie that is well worth the price of admission.

—Joe Cunningham

## Movie



■ Lionsgate Pictures  
■ Grade | C

### "Saw III"

WHAT JOE THINKS:

As has become a recent tradition in theaters, with every Halloween comes a brand new "Saw" film, and every year they get a little worse.

The original "Saw" has become a horror classic that was new and fresh and has had a profound influence on the genre ever since, unfortunately the sequels that followed have not lived up to these standards.

"Saw III" follows the continuing exploits of the killer Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) and his apprentice Amanda (Shawnee Smith) as they continue their work to try and 'help' people by putting them through hellish games of life and death.

The original "Saw" seemed to put an emphasis on the plot of the film with the gore playing less of a role, which was one of the reasons why it was so good.

That philosophy switched roles for last year's sequel which resulted in a loss of quality, and ultimately a lesser film.

This installment of the series tries to find a median between those films but falls flat while trying to get to complicated and trying to get cute with the plot twists that gets a little ridiculous towards the end.

Considering most of the horror films that come out each year are pretty terrible, it is good to see a film that actually tries to be good and for the most part, there is just a definite drop in the quality that was part of the first two films. Is "Saw III" for everyone?

Not if they have a weak stomach, but if they are looking for a decent horror film around this time of the year then it is worth seeing.

—Joe Cunningham

## Game



■ Square Enix  
■ Grade | A

### "Final Fantasy XII"

WHAT JOE THINKS:

The "Final Fantasy" series has long been held to the highest standards of the gaming world in terms of both graphics and with its ever-changing game play styles.

With the series' latest addition, and first in nearly three years, it continues to match these high standards and at the same time revolutionizing the series just in time for the next generation of game systems.

"Final Fantasy XII" takes place in the world of Ivalice, a land that has been ravaged by an ongoing war between two great empires with all of the countries nearby getting caught up in the conflict as well.

The story follows a band of travelers that get caught up in the fight in order to help restore their kingdom and give the throne back to a recently dethroned princess and free their country from the grips of oncoming war.

The differences in the gameplay are apparent right and it does take a little while to get used to as it is so different than anything that has been done before.

The biggest problem with the latest "Final Fantasy" is that it doesn't do a good job directing its players where to go in order to continue to progress with the story, which can cause players to get lost for long periods of time if they aren't careful.

Nonetheless it is still one of the best games to be released this year with stunning graphics, an awesome story, and with so much to do that it will keep gamers playing it for a long, long time.

—Joe Cunningham

## Movie



■ Warner Bros.  
■ Grade | F

### "The Fountain"

WHAT JOE THINKS:

"The Fountain" is the latest film from acclaimed director Darren Aronofsky ("Requiem for a Dream") and it is also one of the worse films to come out this year.

The film follows three story lines that span a thousand years, one follows a conquistador searching for the fountain of youth, another follows a doctor trying to cure his wife's illness, and a third follows a man's journey through space in search of being reborn.

The three are intertwined so convolutedly that it keeps you guessing right up to the end, unfortunately for all of the wrong reasons.

The film stars Hugh Jackman ("The Prestige") and a pair of Oscar winners in Rachel Weisz ("The Mummy") and Ellen Burstyn ("Requiem for a Dream") and even all of their talents are wasted on the film.

Nearly all of the dialogue in the film is shot with an extreme close-up of the actors faces with them speaking in a deep whispering voice, which gets old really fast.

"The Fountain" has only one redeeming quality to it, and that is the original concept behind it, if that is wasted on the poor writing and directing by Aronofsky, which comes as a surprise given the level of talent he's shown in his previous films.

"The Fountain" is one of the worse films of the year, and, with everything that it had going for it, it's the biggest disappointment of any movie in a long, long time.

Only big fans of Aronofsky and his work should waste their time with it.

—Joe Cunningham

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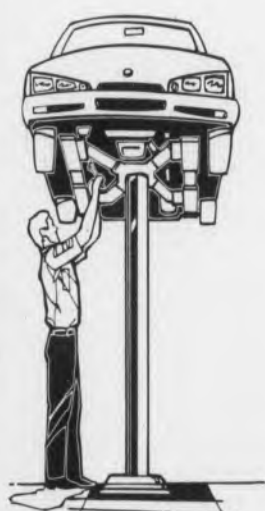
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## SIDELINES

NFL  
Bengals win: 13 to 7

Coming off a 30-0 shutout in Cleveland, one of the NFL's lowest-ranked defenses held Baltimore (9-3) scoreless until Steve McNair threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Derrick Mason with 1:01 to play. No Cincinnati defense had ever gone seven quarters without allowing a point.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL  
Michigan State's Dantonio hires former Cincinnati aides

Four of Mark Dantonio's assistants at Cincinnati are following him to Michigan State, the Spartans' football coach said Thursday. Don Treadwell will be offensive coordinator, Ted Gill defensive line coach, Dan Roushar offensive line coach and Mark Staten tight ends/tackles coach and recruiting coordinator.

## SCHEDULE

## TODAY

**Hockey:**  
vs. Nebraska-Omaha; 7:05 p.m.

## TOMORROW

**Men's Basketball:**  
vs. Troy; 2 p.m.  
**Hockey:**  
vs. Nebraska-Omaha; 7:05 p.m.

## OUR CALL

## The List:

The BG News presents the five NFL teams who have to prove the most this weekend.

## 1. New York Giants:

These guys have been bad of late. Jeremy Shockey thinks he's good and Eli Manning seems to have lost some confidence.

## 2. Atlanta Falcons:

Can Mike Vick make up for his bad play? What we're really wondering is how many drops his receivers will have.

## 3. Denver Broncos:

A QB change when your team is 7-4 seems crazy but it's not the QB that's winning games for them.

## 4. Cincinnati

**Bengals:** This team was in bad shape but made progress against the Browns. They have a tough task though with the Ravens.

## 5. Seattle Seahawks:

They may have beaten the Packers at home, but they have to establish the run against Denver this week.

## Falcons to face Mavericks in decisive struggle

By Chayse Held  
Reporter

This weekend the BG hockey team will try to solve its offensive struggles and earn some much needed points in the CCHA standings as the University of Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks come to the BG Ice Arena for a pair of games.

The Falcons (3-10-1, 1-7-0) are in the midst of a six-game losing streak and have lost 10 out of their last 11 games. BG is coming off of a road trip to New York last weekend in which they were outscored by a combined score of 9-0 in games against

Clarkson and St. Lawrence.

Despite boasting the defending CCHA player of the year and Hobey Baker Award (nation's top player) candidate, Scott Parse, UNO has also stumbled in the first part of the season. After finishing fourth in the conference last year and qualifying for the NCAA tournament, the Mavs (4-7-4, 3-6-1) are only two spots ahead of BG for the last spot in the conference standings.

BG coach Scott Paluch knows this weekend will feature a pair of games between two teams that are desperate for wins.

"We're struggling scoring goals, and [UNO] has been a



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS  
**DEFENSE:** The Falcons will face off against the Mavericks this weekend.

team that's been a little inconsistent, both scoring and giving up goals," Paluch said. "It's a series that we really need to be strong defensively to get ourselves the best chance this weekend."

In the Falcons' recent slide, the goals the defense has given up have been magnified by the offense's inability to produce. In the last six games, BG has been outscored 31-6 by opponents.

For the Falcons, keeping a positive attitude when wins are not coming is essential.

"We've been going through some rough times the last few weeks and we're ready to turn

it around," said BG captain Michael Hodgson. "It's always tough when you're not winning, but you have to have that confidence to have a positive attitude. You have to think and know that you're going to win."

A key for BG this weekend will be the offense's being able to produce goals early for a much needed confidence boost. So far this season, the Falcons have been outscored 21-10 in the first period.

"What's important is that our team gets some rewards for our hard work," Paluch said.

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Hamblet makes it  
in the  
big leagues

By Bill Bordewick  
Reporter

Normally during a close game the final shot is not taken by someone who is averaging 5.8 points per game.

BG guard Ryne Hamblet did just that and won this past weekend's game against the Jaguars of the University of South Alabama with his runner in the lane with no time on the clock.

Hamblet, a junior transfer from the north side of Chicago, is not asked to do much of the scoring for the Falcons this season. His 5.8 points per game ranks him fourth on the team behind Martin Samarco, Erik Marshall and Eric Lefeld.

Hamblet is someone that all teams need. He is the person on the team who does all the little things. He is first on the team in assists with 5.5 per game as well as being tied for the team lead in steals with two per game.

Hamblet also ranks third on the team behind Samarco and Marshall in rebounds per game with 4.8.

"The team gets along real well," Hamblet said. "We hang out with each other all day everyday."

Hamblet is new to the Falcons this season, but he is not unabridged to try and bring a winning attitude to the men's basketball team.

Chipola College, Hamblet's junior college, was ranked number one in the country for 16 straight weeks his sophomore year.

Hamblet knows about winning but he also brings a new wrinkle to the Falcons that they did not have last season. Playmaking ability is what the Falcons were lacking last season and coach Dan Dakich hopes Hamblet can bring that to this team.

"I thought he was a playmaker and I thought we were a team that didn't have playmakers last year," Dakich said. "He's the only one I've ever seen that I've recruited who completely grasped the team concept."

While Dakich appreciates Hamblet's efforts on the offensive side of the ball, he would like to see the most amount of improvement on the defensive side of the ball.

"He's learning," Dakich said. "He never guarded the ball and he never played without the ball. To his credit, he's really smart and he has a high basketball IQ."

Hamblet believed in this team while being recruited and believed Dakich was the right coach for him and that is why he chose to come to Bowling Green.

"I liked his demeanor and felt he was a coach that pushed players," Hamblet said. "I felt like that's the kind of coach I needed."

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## RYNE HAMBLET | PLAYER OF THE WEEK



BRANDON HEISS | THE BG NEWS  
**EYE ON THE BALL:** Junior Ryne Hamblet watches an opposing player during a recent BG game. He was responsible for this weekend's close win against the Jaguars. He has been averaging 5.8 points a game.

Vick fined  
\$10,000 for  
gestures

**Michael Vick**  
Recently fined  
quarterback of the  
Falcons

By Len Pasquarelli  
ESPN.com

ATLANTA — Quarterback Michael Vick has been fined \$10,000 by the NFL for the obscene gestures that he directed toward heckling fans following the Falcons' loss to the New Orleans Saints on Sunday. In addition to the fine, Vick has agreed to donate \$10,000 to a charity of his choice.

"I broke a rule and now I'm paying the price," Vick said Wednesday. "The good thing is I get to donate a portion of it to charity."

It is not known who suggested the charitable donation, but that element was part of the discussions between the league and Vick's representatives over the past two days. Obviously, there will be no appeal of the fine.

"I can't really say whether it's fair or not," Vick said. "But the league makes the rules and I broke the rules. It is what it is -- 20 Gs. I shouldn't have done what I did."

He hasn't decided which charity will get his \$10,000, but seemed eager to put the matter behind him.

Falcons owner Arthur Blank said he planned to meet privately with Vick to discuss the incident.

"Michael knows his actions were inappropriate and he has taken responsibility for them, apologized to our fans, and been fined by the NFL," Blank said. "We know, through all his time with the Falcons, that this is not characteristic of Mike and not the way he represents our club."

In the past, players who made obscene gestures on the field and were first-time offenders typically were fined \$5,000 by the NFL.

Vick's base salary for 2006 is \$1.4 million, but that is hardly reflective of the magnitude of his contract, which was extended last year and can be worth as much as \$130 million. Because league action supersedes anything the Falcons might want to do, there will be no sanctions by the club.

The incident for which Vick was fined occurred shortly after the Falcons lost to the Saints, 31-13, a defeat in which the Georgia Dome crowd jeered the home team and its quarterback much of the day. As Vick was heading toward the tunnel that leads to the Falcons' locker room, he exchanged words with fans screaming at him, then alternately extended the middle fingers of both hands.

Vick issued an apology through the Falcons hours after the incident. On Monday afternoon, he again apologized during a news conference at team headquarters.

"It was just a part of a situation where my emotions got the best of me," Vick said. "I apologize sincerely to all my fans and to everybody who saw me make that gesture. ... It won't happen again."

## OSU students upset about lack of tickets

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State students complained the university did not set aside enough tickets for them when it divvied up its allotment for the national championship game.

Students got 1,100 tickets for the Jan. 8 football game. The university set aside the largest amount, about 5,000, for donors and sponsors.

About 6,000 of Ohio State's nearly 52,000 students entered a lottery this week to try to win the right to buy one of the student tickets.

"I think it's totally inexcusable that only 1,000 tickets were

made available to students," senior Paige Shannon said. "Without the students there wouldn't be any football at all, yet we seem to get the least amount of tickets."

The rest of the school's 16,000 tickets for the game in Glendale, Ariz., were divided among various groups, including the athletic department, university administration, the alumni association and the marching band.

"The Department of Athletics tries to be as fair as possible in meeting the huge demand from, among others, students,

faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, donors, media, boosters and season ticket holders. All of them are important to our athletic programs and our university," said Athletic Director Gene Smith.

The distribution this year matches what was done in 2003, when OSU got about the same number of tickets for its national championship game against Miami, Ohio State ticketing director Bill Jones said.

"No group will get the amount of tickets that they are requesting," he said. "Between the students, staff and [booster]

club members, we will have far more requests than tickets available."

The University of Southern California, the Buckeyes' likely opponent, also will earmark about 1,000 tickets for students.

"Only about 1,000 students will probably be able to go for us, too, and if it's of any comfort to the upset students in Columbus, there are lots of sympathetic students over here on the West Coast," USC ticketing director Debra Duncan said.

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# Browns not ready for change

By Tom Withers  
The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Romeo Crennel's boss isn't planning to make him the next former Cleveland coach. Not now, and not anytime soon.

Browns general manager Phil Savage strongly backed Crennel yesterday, saying it was unfair to blame him for all Cleveland's problems and temporarily snuffing speculation the struggling club was on the verge of a coaching change.

"Romeo has the total support of (owner) Randy Lerner and myself," Savage said. "He has the respect of the team. They believe in him. Randy and I are 100 percent behind him. We're going to do everything in our power to help him rest of the next five games, the upcoming offseason and next year."

Crennel, just 9-18 in two seasons with Cleveland, has come under heavy attack for the Browns' 3-8 record and a perceived lack of player dis-

cipline. During Sunday's 30-0 loss to Cincinnati, wide receiver Braylon Edwards, who has spouted off before this season, argued on the sidelines with teammates — a spectacle that led many to think Crennel had lost control of his team.

Savage not only refuted that notion, but he said he and Crennel are inseparable in all matters related to the team.

"Romeo and I are in this together," said Savage, hired in January 2005, one month before Crennel. "When he has failure, I have failure. When he has success, I have success. You can't put some of the problems we've had this year at the feet of one person. It's a team and an organization."

Bothered by speculation surrounding his coach's future, Savage said he met with Crennel before addressing the media and told him, "I'm going to try to put an end to this."

Savage has done that — for now.

"It's really not fair to him and

it's utterly ridiculous," Savage said. "There is a silly season before the draft and unfortunately the last month of an NFL season is what I would call a silly season. It's ludicrous."

Crennel appreciated Savage's public gesture, but isn't so sure it will completely extinguish calls for his head.

"It should be the end of the story," Crennel said. "But in my years in the NFL, I know things can change and do change. I will tell you I am going to do the very best job I can to lead this team, try to build a consistent team that will give us a chance to compete in the division and for the championship."

"We haven't been winning, unfortunately. But we are working, doing as much as we can to try to win."

The Browns have again been riddled with injuries at key positions, making progress nearly impossible.

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# NHL gambling scandal deepens

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. (AP) — A second man accused of running a gambling ring with former hockey star Rick Tocchet will plead guilty and agree to cooperate with authorities, according to a report published yesterday.

James Ulmer will plead guilty today in state Superior Court to promoting gambling and conspiracy and faces up to 364 days in county jail, according to The Star-Ledger of Newark, which cited law enforcement officials who spoke to the newspaper on the condition of anonymity

because the case is ongoing.

The state Attorney General's office said yesterday that Ulmer would be in court in Mount Holly today, but spokesman David Wald declined to specify the hearing's purpose. A similar advisory came before another man in the case pleaded guilty in August.

Ulmer, 41, a businessman who lives in Sweedesboro, would be the second man to plead guilty in the case, which authorities have said involved bettors including current

NHL players and actress Janet Jones, the wife of hockey great Wayne Gretzky.

Ulmer's lawyer, Edwin Jacobs, did not return calls to The Associated Press. The Star-Ledger said he also did not return calls to the newspaper.

In August, a former state trooper, James Harney, pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy, promoting gambling and official misconduct. He faces up to seven years in prison.

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# Texas struggling in 11 games without Davis

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans running game was dealt a major blow when Domanick Davis was put on the injured reserve before the season. The problem is, 11 games into the season it still hasn't fully recovered.

The Texans have had some good games, but have struggled with consistency without Davis, the franchise leading rusher. Two weeks ago, Houston had 188 yards rushing, the second most in team history. They followed it up

with just 25 yards rushing against the New York Jets.

Samkon Gado, who has been splitting time with rookie Wali Lundy, said he is not discouraged and knows things will turn around.

"The most important thing is being consistent and still keep working hard and the yards will come," Gado said. "Yes, we didn't do as well as we would have liked, but I don't think that's really indicative of the type of running backs that we are. We've just got to keep working and hopefully we'll do better next week."

Lundy leads the team with 415 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Gado, who came to Houston this season in a trade with Green Bay, has 217 yards rushing and a touchdown. Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne, who signed with the Texans after being released by the Broncos, has 183 yards but hasn't played the last three games.

Lundy, who was a sixth-round draft pick, has also helped out in the passing game, adding 27 receptions for 162 yards.

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## HOCKEY

From Page 9

"We've gone through a stretch where we haven't been able to get the benefits of a lot of the things we've done well and we need that right now."

Even with the recent losing streak, Paluch and the Falcons

are determined to turn the team's play around.

"We want to improve," Paluch said. "We're not happy with where we sit, we need to improve and get ourselves back into the mix in the league. There's a lot of hockey to be played yet."

The puck drops at 7:05 p.m. both nights inside the BG Ice Arena.

## B-BALL

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The transition from junior college to division I-A as well as the transition to becoming more of a point guard has had its rocky steps for Hamblet.

"I've just got to get the offense more down pat as a point guard. It's a lot different from the offense I ran in Junior College," Hamblet said. "Defensively everything's been cool. One thing though is

that I'm not used to guarding the little guy."

In this past weekend's game against South Alabama, Hamblet only scored four points and was not even designed to get the ball in the final seconds but that is not the way the game will be remembered as Hamblet connected for the game winner despite the play not being designed for him.

"The play was supposed to go to [Samarco]. I got a lucky bounce and it went in," Hamblet said.

## OSU

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Students who didn't win the chance to buy the \$185 tickets also could get into the game by purchasing a university-sponsored tour package, at a cost

of around \$2,000. About 500 students took advantage of the offer, according to the athletic department.

"They want us to be the 'best fans in the land,' and I guess we had better be because they will only be sending a thousand of us," senior Jeff Sferro said.

## GAMBLING

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Tocchet and Ulmer are the only remaining people charged in the case. No alleged bettors have been charged.

Tocchet's lawyer, Kevin Marino, did not comment yesterday.

Authorities announced in February they had taken down the gambling ring, which they said had been running for years. In the 40 days ending Feb. 5, they said, \$1.7 million changed hands.

The case shocked the hockey world, but NHL officials say there is no evidence of bets on that sport.

## BROWNS

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Still, Savage feels the club has made small strides in getting back to respectability, and feels the Browns have fewer problems with player conduct than most NFL teams.

"I feel like we're going to come out on the other side of this," he said.

Several Browns players were pleased to learn of Savage's support of Crennel, who came to Cleveland shortly after winning a Super Bowl as New England's defensive coordinator — his fifth title as an assistant.

"Romeo is a great guy and when people taste blood they are going to try and gobble him up," tight end Kellen Winslow said. "He's got nothing to worry about. He's a great coach."

Savage feels that the 59-year-old Crennel, Cleveland's third coach since the Browns returned as an expansion team in 1999, has fulfilled all the expectations the team had for him when he was brought in to help fix a franchise.

"We needed someone to come in and provide a steady hand to the team and organization," Savage said. "We needed to regain the trust and respect of the players from the head coaching position. I can tell you that he has done that on an hourly, daily and weekly basis since he's been here."

Savage addressed several other areas during his 45-minute talk. Among them:

— Edwards' behavior has been disappointing, but Savage feels the 23-year-old will learn from the experience. Savage also feels Crennel did the right thing by handling any discipline internally.

## TEXAS

From Page 10

Besides the loss of the Davis, the group has had to deal with several changes to the offensive line because of season-ending injuries to three starters. Lundy said that shouldn't matter though, and refused to use it as an excuse for their troubles.

Second-year player Drew Hodgdon will start in place of center Mike Flanagan, who was placed on the injured reserve on Tuesday. He's started five career games.

"Offensive linemen take a lot of pride in the running game," Hodgdon said. "We're going to come out this week after that poor performance on the ground and try to take care of that."

Houston ran the ball just 14 times but threw 54 passes in Sunday's 26-11 loss to the Jets. Coach Gary Kubiak said he probably abandoned the run too quickly against New York, saying that Lundy and Gado didn't get enough carries.

"That's my fault," he said of the few carries. "But they are both better than they played. And we're not always going to block every one of them, they have to make somebody miss. I want to see both those kids come back and play better this week."

Lundy agreed with Kubiak's assessment.

"We've got to step up our game," Lundy said.

### THE BG NEWS SUDOKU

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## SNOOP

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snooped in the past, 97 percent of women that took the Lifetime poll said that they supported Whitney Houston's decision in hiring a private investigator to explore the questionable affair between her husband and a music video star.

Also, 90 percent felt that Heather Locklear was correct in looking through her husband's E-mail to confirm his flirtatious manner.

Sophomore Kari Kaiser has been in a relationship for five years, and she strongly feels that snooping is an act that she will never partake in.

"I can understand why someone would do something like that, but at the same time I pretty much think that if you don't trust your husband enough to go hacking through his things, then there's

something wrong with the relationship," she said. "If you feel that there's something he's not telling you, then you should go talk to him first."

Although Kaiser agrees that women are the more trustworthy of genders in certain respects, she feels differently about the big picture.

"I think women are more trustworthy when it comes to emotions and feelings, but when it comes to cold hard facts about things, then we'll just tell you straightforward and not beat around the bush," she said.

Single sophomore Karian Knepper also has similar feelings about the act of snooping, even though she is currently not in a relationship.

"I don't think it's right for people to snoop no matter who it is," she said. "If I thought someone was cheating on me, I'd ask them.

Then if I didn't believe him I'd ask his friends or my friends, but I wouldn't snoop through his e-mails and stuff."

Knepper feels as if starting the habit of spying on a significant other will always have negative results, regardless of when it begins in the time-span of a relationship.

"I don't think you should do it at all," she said. "If you start early on, then you're breaking a trust issue. If you wait and do it later on, then the person probably thinks that you did trust them, but then they're not sure. It's just never good to do it."

There are limitations to how far these so-called "snoopers" will go though. 58 percent claimed that they would not read someone's private diary and 88 percent said that they would not break the law.

After all, there are only so many medicine cabinets and wallets that one can raid to find out vital

## HOWARD'S

From Page 7

would've gotten you booted out; Fred H. Howard originally established the store as a candy store in 1928.

Howard expanded his business in the early 1930s to include a hotel and restaurant, which soon became a popular hang-out for University students and faculty. The store's allure to students only increased after Prohibition was repealed, when Howard began selling beer, liquor and wine.

Howard's grew in popularity to the point that when Howard sold it in 1938, new owner Paul Williamson kept the name. Little else changed until 1973, when the Wood County District Public Library nudged the bar off the block.

Howard's endured, however, and moved across the street.

"Howard's was the place to be, the place to party," said Laura Payne, a University student in the '80s. "You went there to socialize. There was a lot of drinking and smoking and talking."

While that might sound like a

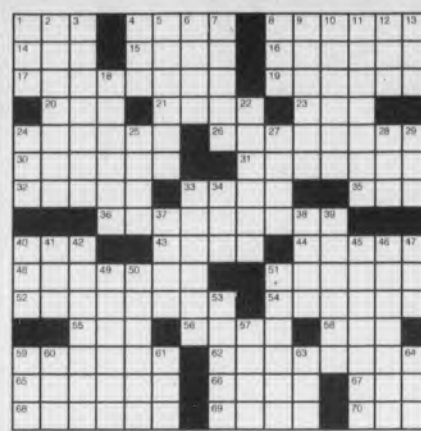
description of any popular bar, perhaps the reinvention of the bar as a hot-spot for live music in recent years has resulted in Howard's attracting fewer students.

The bar also contains two dart boards, several billiards tables, a variety of arcade video games and a juke box stuffed of a variety of different tunes.

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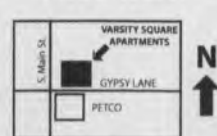
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